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OBSCENITY PROSECUTION AND THE CONSTITUTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Property Rights concluded a hearing to examine obscenity prosecution and the constitution, focusing on prostitution, child prostitution, and human trafficking, after receiving testimony from Robert A. Destro, Catholic Univer-

sity of America Columbus School of Law, and Patrick A. Trueman, Family Research Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and Frederick Schauer, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 1329–1355; and 9 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 100–102 and H. Res. 159–161, 164–166, were introduced. **Pages H1620–22**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1622–23**

Reports Filed: Report were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 162, providing for consideration of H.R. 1334, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the removal to Federal court of certain State court cases involving the rights of incapacitated persons (H. Rept. 109–20); and

H. Res. 163, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to the same day consideration of certain resolutions reported by the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109–21). **Page H1620**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bradley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1511**

Chaplain The prayer was offered today by Rev. James P. Campbell, Pastor, Christ Life Church in Woodstock, Illinois. **Page H1511**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H1511, H1604**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 147, electing the following Members to the following Committees: Joint Committee on Printing: Representatives Doolittle, Reynolds, Millender-McDonald, and Brady (PA); and **Page H1514**

Joint Committee on the Library: Representatives Ehlers, Miller (MI), Millender-McDonald, and Zoe Lofgren (CA). **Page H1514**

Emergency Supplemental Wartime Appropriations Act: The House passed H.R. 1268, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal

year ending September 30, 2005, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 388 yeas to 43 nays, Roll No. 77. The bill was also considered yesterday, March 15.

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Rejected the Hooley motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the bill back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 200 yeas to 229 noes, Roll No. 76. **Pages H1524–25**

Yesterday it was agreed by unanimous consent to limit further amendments offered and the time for debate on such amendments.

Agreed to:

Velázquez amendment (No. 8 printed in the Congressional Record of March 15) that prohibits the use of funds for any contract in contravention of section 15(g)(2) of the Small Business Act;

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Markey amendment (debated yesterday, March 15) that reaffirms the U.S. commitment to the U.N. Convention Against Torture (by a recorded vote of 420 yeas to 2 noes and 3 voting "present", Roll No. 75). **Page H1518**

Withdrawn:

Obeys amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds provided for national intelligence programs until the President submits a proposal on how to inform Congressional committees of clandestine military activities in terrorist-sponsored countries. **Page H1515**

Point of Order sustained against:

Filner amendment that sought to guarantee that companies receiving contracts from the bill make every effort to hire veterans. **Pages H1515–17**

Pursuant to sec. 2 of the H. Res. 151, the text of H.R. 418, to establish and rapidly implement

regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, and to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence, was appended to the engrossment of H.R. 1268; and the title of H.R. 1268 was conformed to reflect the addition of the text of H.R. 418. Conformed so as to read: making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, to establish and rapidly implement regulations for State driver's license and identification document security standards, to prevent terrorists from abusing the asylum laws of the United States, to unify terrorism-related grounds for inadmissibility and removal, to ensure expeditious construction of the San Diego border fence.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986: H.R. 1270, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund financing rate, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 431 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 80;

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Expressing concern regarding the recent passage of the anti-secession law in the People's Republic of China: H. Con. Res. 98, expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the recent passage of the anti-secession law by the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 424 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 81; and

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Protection of Incapacitated Persons Act of 2005: H.R. 1332, amended, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the removal to Federal court of certain State court cases involving the rights of incapacitated persons.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further consideration of the measures will resume tomorrow, March 17:

Expressing concern regarding the continued violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian and Lebanese people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic: H. Con. Res. 18, amended, expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the continuing gross violations of human rights and civil liberties of the Syrian and Lebanese people by the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic; and

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Expressing concern regarding the occupation of the Republic of Lebanon by the Syrian Arab Re-

public: H. Con. Res. 32, amended, expressing the grave concern of Congress regarding the occupation of the Republic of Lebanon by the Syrian Arab Republic.

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Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2006: The House began consideration of H. Con. Res. 95, Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2006, revising appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal year 2005, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2007 through 2010. Further consideration will resume tomorrow, March 17.

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Agreed that during further consideration of the bill, the Hensarling amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–19) may be considered out of the specified order.

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Began consideration of the Hensarling amendment in the nature of a substitute (Republican Study Committee) No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–19, that replaces the current 19 functional categories with four functions: Defense, Homeland Security, Non-Defense Discretionary and Mandatory Spending, and Interest; and accepts the Iraq Operations Reserve Fund and creates a new “rainy day” fund for non-military emergencies. Further consideration will resume tomorrow, March 17.

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H. Res. 154, the rule providing for consideration of the measure was agreed to by a yeas-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 196 noes, Roll No. 79, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 78.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 161, electing Representative Matsui to the Committee on Rules.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate appears on page H1511.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1518, H1524–25, H1525–26, H1544, H1545, H1545–46, and H1546. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE WITH CUBA

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to Review United States Agricultural Trade with Cuba. Testimony was heard from Robert W. Werner, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.